

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 12, 14-15 and 21-29 are pending in this application. Claims 5, 6, 8, 10-11 and 16-19 were withdrawn from consideration due to an election of species requirement.

By this Amendment, claims 1-3, 7, 9, 12 and 26 have been amended, and claims 23-24 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as in the Amendment After Final (unentered). The claims have been amended to incorporate in general the subject matter of dependent claims 23, 24 or 29 per the general suggestion by the Examiner. New claim 30 has also been added. No new matter is believed to have been added by the Amendment.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-4, 7, 9, 12, 14-15 and 21, 22, 25-28 and 30 would be pending.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 & § 103:

Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wilkerson et al. (US 3,378,806). Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 21, 22 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lindquist (US 5,951,223). Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 21, 22 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodyear (US 501,564) or Grossman et al. (US 6,585,448). Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15 and 21-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Turner (US 4,316,676) in view of Grossman et al. For the Examiner's convenience, the Applicants are resubmitting the remarks from the previous Amendment After Final.

Per the Examiner's suggestion, claims 1, 12 and 26 have been amended to place them in the context of a motor/motor assembly. Thus, these claims are directed to a fastening

arrangement or a fastener for a motor assembly in which the fastener contacts an interior wall as well as an exterior wall of the motor assembly, or employs interior/exterior pressure application surfaces, or the like.

On the contrary, the cited references are directed to an electrical connector (Wilkerson), a fuse holder clip (Lindquist), a furniture fastener (Goodyear), a furniture bracket (Grossman), a mechanical joint (Turner). These cited references do not appear to disclose or suggest a fastening arrangement suitable for motor or motor assembly, or the claimed fastener arrangement with the interior/exterior pressure application surface or the like.

It is also respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would not employ the electrical connector, the clips, the furniture bracket, mechanical, etc. of the cited references, individually or in combination, to fasten parts (e.g., motor housing and motor cover) of a motor or motor assembly. There is nothing in the references or knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art that would indicate the suitability of any of these devices to fasten parts of a motor or motor assembly, such as claimed, or why one of ordinary skill in the art would employ the cited references, individually or in combination, for a motor or motor assembly arrangement.

For example, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art of motors would not be motivated to modify the mechanical joint of Turner with the shape of the furniture bracket to read on the claims, as amended, directed to motor fastening arrangements.

Accordingly, claims 1, 12 and 26 and their dependent claims are believed to be distinguishable over the cited reference. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

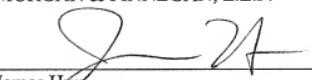
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 0403-4107US1.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 0403-4107US1.

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